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**For:** A VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR (VEGF) MOLECULE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME  
**Dated:** June 20, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 20, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 50-54 as follows:

50.(Amended) A process for the production of biologically active VEGF-B, said method comprising expressing a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under high stringency

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